

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please insert the following new paragraph on page 1, below line 4:

This application claims priority to United Kingdom Application Serial No. 0015745.3, filed June 27, 2000.

Please replace the paragraph starting on page 5, line 37 with the following rewritten paragraph:

The invention also contemplates a method for enhancing bone formation in a mammal in need thereof by administering to the mammal an effective amount of a lanthanum (III) compound and at least one bone enhancing agent. Examples of suitable bone enhancing agents include a synthetic hormone, a natural hormone, oestrogen, calcitonin, tamoxifen, a ~~biphosphonate~~ bisphosphonate, a ~~biphosphonate~~ bisphosphonate analog, vitamin D, a vitamin D analog, a mineral supplement, a statin drug, a selective oestrogen receptor modulator and sodium fluoride.

Please replace the paragraph starting on page 16, line 35 with the following rewritten paragraph:

Bone enhancing agents, known in the art to increase bone formation, bone density or bone mineralisation, or to prevent bone resorption may be used in the methods and pharmaceutical compositions of the invention. Suitable bone enhancing agents include natural or synthetic hormones, such as estrogens, androgens, calcitonin, prostaglandins and parathormone; growth factors, such as platelet-derived growth factor, insulin-like growth factor, transforming growth factor, epidermal growth factor, connective tissue growth factor and fibroblast growth factor; vitamins, particularly vitamin D; minerals, such as calcium, aluminum, strontium and fluoride;

statin drugs, including pravastatin, fluvastatin, simvastatin, lovastatin and atorvastatin; agonists or antagonist of receptors on the surface of osteoblasts and osteoclasts, including parathormone receptors, estrogen receptors and prostaglandin receptors; biphosphonate bisphosphonate and anabolic bone agents.